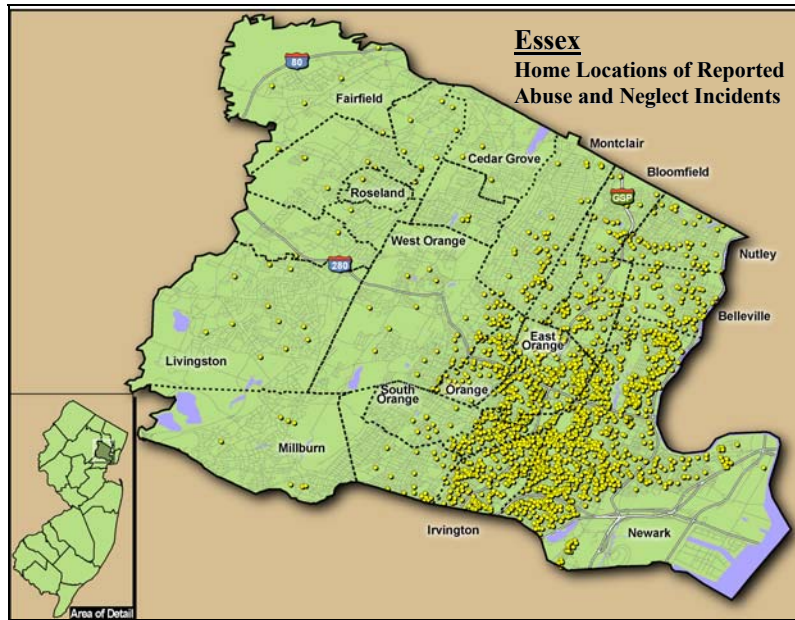


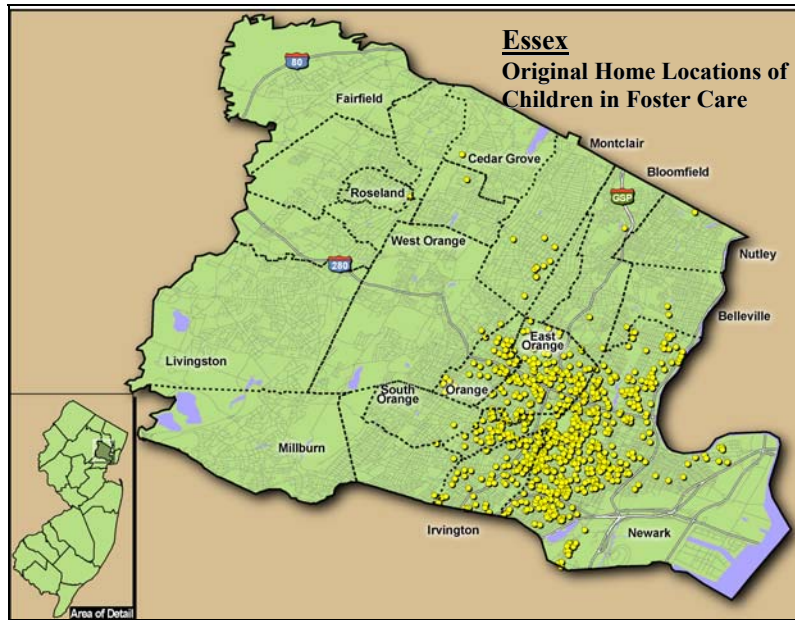
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This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the county during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports for a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

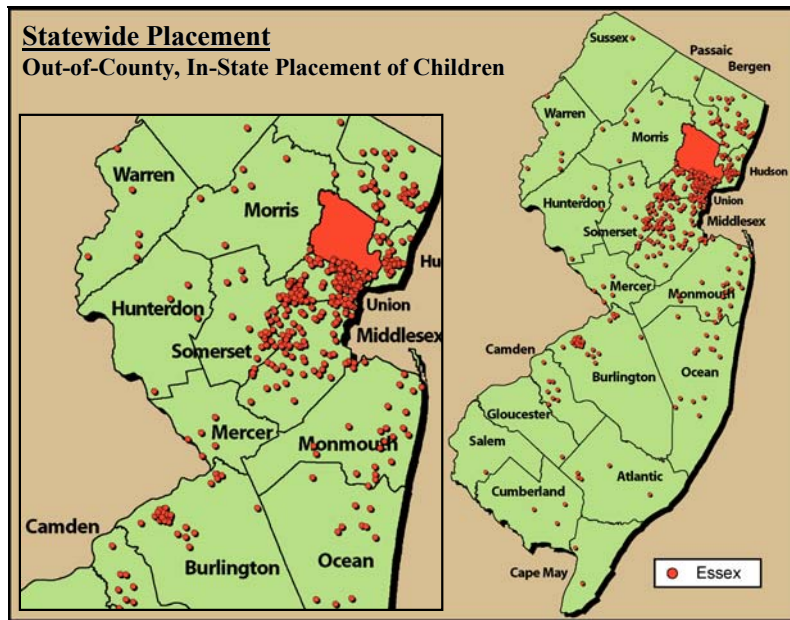
In Essex County, which ranked sixth in the state for abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (24 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Newark (3104), Irvington (549), and East Orange (529).

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As of June 2003, a total of 2,027 children from Essex County are in foster care, with 75 percent of these children coming from Newark (1528).

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As of June 2003, nearly 31 percent (30.8 %) of the children in foster care from Essex County have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. The majority of these children were placed in foster homes in Central and North Jersey. Fifty eight percent of the 624 out-of-county placements are in Union (216), Middlesex (78), Bergen (34) and Hudson (33) counties.